

Christ Church
Vestry Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
5:15pm via Zoom and Formation + Arts Room #204

Present: The Rev Thomas Reeder, The Rev Keith Oglesby, The Rev Andreis Diaz, and The Rev Amy Slater;
Messrs. Barrett, Evanger, Gagnon, Knowles, Mickley, and Shepherd; **Mmes.** Baker, Fouts, Grimsley, Johnson, Price, and Williams.

Absentees: Parker, Burnside, and Toonk

Guests: None

Welcome and Opening Prayer: All

- Brian Mickley called the meeting to order at 5:15pm with the Vestry prayer.

Declaration of the Quorum: Brian Mickley

- Quorum established.

Spiritual Presentation/Reflection: Rev Oglesby

- Jesuit poem

Consent Agenda: All

- Aug 2023 Vestry Minutes
- Aug 2023 Financials.
 - Q – Concern about revenue shortfall?
 - A – There’s a list of folks who often end up donating at the end of the year.
 - Other non-profits often experience similar problems with delayed donations, which end up coming in December. Often these individuals aren’t aware that the cash is needed now. If we were to remind them they may be willing to donate sooner.
 - We have difficulty in the transition from Blackbaud to ACS that hinders us from sending out account statements.
 - There are 7 revenue buckets and we are ahead in 6 of the 7.
- Aug 2023 KPIs.
 - **Move to approve consent agenda; seconded and approved.**

Rector’s 5 Minutes: Rev Reeder

- Rejoice! Oyster Roast was amazing. Rave reviews. Great way to recruit new church members.
- People are hungry for personal interaction after all of the work from home and zoom meeting activity from the past few years.
- Kudos to Mel and the vestry for the Wednesday dinner. 112 people in attendance

Sanctuary Update: Rev Oglesby

- We had a small leak in the roof today, got it patched up.
- We are on track to complete on time.
 - Perhaps a bit past the target for the external window activity
- Security: it was decided to install the “panic buttons” (approx. \$3k)
 - Keypads being restored in the front office
 - NOT doing fences w/ gates; cameras and “buzzing in”; redoing all of the locks (but we can do some).
 - Still need to decide whether or not to have a deputy on premises (not today)
 - Preschool will do it every other week
 - It can be expensive. Would be present Sunday morning

- If we provide a covered parking area w/ good wifi access police would be more than happy to ‘hang out’ to do their paperwork, and then we have a visible police car on property
- We are removing the junior playground equipment. It will cost some money to remove it, and it really can’t be donated anywhere
- The Diocese has asked for their assessment for 2024, and we told them it’s coming.
- Convention will be on 11 November (it’s been postponed 2x)

2024 Annual Pledge Campaign Update: Mike Shepherd

- Dinner on Thursday night, ~ 50 attendees
- Discuss the term “Sunday Every Day,” and feedback from the external consultant.
- Maybe hold more of these dinners for the parish, b/c they should hear it, too.
- “Just imagine if we could do this or that...”
- Want to talk about money at a high level at the dinner (“it’s ok to talk about money”)
- Tell our story, create relationships, create a *culture of generosity*
- The ability for the average giver to make a difference has never been greater (think about crowd sourcing)
- Stewardship brochures to be sent in October. Feedback would be welcome

Other Business and/or Questions and Answers: All

- Numbers from the Oyster Roast are still TBD

Prayer and Adjournment: Rev Oglesby

- Adjourned the meeting in prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Knowles on behalf of
Ronda Toonk, Vestry Registrar